[12th December 1961

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Rupees 8,14,376.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Was any request made by the Corporation for the grant of loans to improve the interior roads and lanes in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Sir, a separate question may be put.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Are the Government aware of the fact that the Corporation administration is interested only in improving some main thoroughfares like Mount Road and Poonamalee High Road and neglecting the interior roads and if so, would the Government instruct the Corporation to take up those roads and if necessary, grant loans required by them?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: I think with reference to a subsequent question which I will be answering shortly, a paper is laid on the table of the House which will give particulars regarding the roads that have been taken up this year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question Nos. 2270 and 2271 may also be answered now as they relate to the same subject.

Roads in Madras City (repairs)

* 2270 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM
SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR:
SRI M. P. SARATHI: } Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned any loans recently to the Corporation of Madras to carry out repairs and improvements to any of the roads in the city;

(*b*) if so, the names of these roads;

(*c*) who undertakes the repairs to these roads; and

(*d*) what is the extent of these roads?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) The Government sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 15 lakhs and grants amounting to Rs. 15 lakhs for the improvements and repairs of the City roads;

(*b*) A list[a] is placed on the table of the house:

(*c*) The Corporation of Madras undertakes the repair works:

(*d*) Almost all the bus route roads throughout the city were damaged considerably due to the very heavy rains of last year. Urgent measures were taken and necessary repair works were carried out with various types of specification as per the condition and requirements of the roads so as to bring the road surface to some sort of usable condition. As such, full lengths are not furnished for the bus route roads so improved with the assistance of the loan and grants sanctioned by the Government in 1960–61.

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a Printed as Appendix II on page 597 infra.